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The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

Credentials of representatives to the Conference (*continued*) (GC.15/L.1)

1. **Ms. Bilia** (United Republic of Tanzania), Chair of the Credentials Committee, introducing the Committee's report (GC.15/L.1), said that the Secretariat had subsequently received additional credentials as provided for in rule 27 (2) of the rules of procedure of the Committee, in respect of the representatives of Guatemala and Montenegro, and a communication in the form of a copy of credentials in respect of the representative of Switzerland. That meant that a total of 117 Members were participating in the Conference; 60 Members had submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 (2) of the rules of procedure; and 55 Members had submitted communications in accordance with subparagraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph 4 of the Committee's report.

2. **Mr. Khosraviani** (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that he had submitted a written reservation to the Credentials Committee to the effect that his delegation would like to join the consensus on the current agenda item, but that that by no means constituted the recognition of the Israeli regime by his delegation.

3. **Mr. Aviram** (Israel) said it was a shame that such negative words should have been spoken at a conference whose aims was to promote cooperation and friendship between nations. The Islamic Republic of Iran, while smiling to the world, was also supporting terror and denying its own citizens their human rights. It should not be forgotten that King Koresh of Persia had acknowledged the rights of Israel and the rights of the Jewish people to return to their homeland.

4. **The President** said that the comments of the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Israel would be reflected in the summary record of the meeting.

5. *The report of the Credentials Committee was approved.*

Financial matters (*continued*)

(e) Appointment of an External Auditor (*continued*) (GC.15/12; IDB.41/15)

6. **The President** recalled that the Conference had decided at its fourteenth session to extend the appointment of the Auditor-General of Pakistan for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2014. An External Auditor must now be appointed for the period beginning on 1 July 2014. There remained six candidates for the position of External Auditor: Mr. Dieter Engels, President of the German Supreme Audit Institution; Mr. Richard Quartey, Auditor-General of Ghana; Mr. László Domokos, President of the State Audit Office of Hungary; Mr. Jørgen Kosmo, Auditor-General of Norway; Ms. Lara Taylor-Pearce, Auditor-General of Sierra Leone; and Mr. Roman Maguta, Chairman of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine. In accordance with rule 100 of the General Conference rules of procedure the External Auditor would be elected by secret ballot, the applicable majority being the majority of the votes cast by those Member States present and voting.

7. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Crespo (Ecuador), Mr. Colapinto (Italy) and Ms. Wrona (Poland) acted as tellers.*

8. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Members entitled to vote:	137
Members absent:	48
Invalid ballots:	0
Abstentions:	0
Members voting:	89
Required majority:	45
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Engels	30
Mr. Maguta	19
Mr. Domokos	17
Mr. Quartey	16
Mr. Kosmo	4
Ms. Taylor-Pearce	3

9. *The required majority being 45 votes, none of the candidates was elected.*

10. **The President** said that, in accordance with previous practice and rule 101 (2) of the rules of procedure, a second round of voting would now be held, restricted to the two candidates who had received the highest number of votes.

11. **Mr. Camacho Gonzalez** (Panama) proposed a vote between the first four candidates, bearing in mind that there were only three votes separating them.

12. **Mr. Moradi** (Legal Adviser) pointed out that, in accordance with rule 101 (2), the number of

unsuccessful candidates that proceeded to the second ballot should not exceed twice the number of places to be filled. Therefore, the number of candidates in the second round should not exceed two.

13. **Mr. Kebe** (Senegal) congratulated all the candidates and suggested that Mr. Engels and Mr. Maguta consult between themselves and that one stand down in favour of the other, thus removing the need to proceed to a second round of voting.

14. **Mr. Moradi** (Legal Adviser) said that under rule 100 (1), the option proposed by the representative of Senegal would be possible if there were no objection.

15. **Mr. Bonilla Olivas** (Nicaragua) said that it would be prudent to use the established system.

16. **Mr. Zagrekov** (Russian Federation) said that the established rules should be followed and that the Conference should proceed with the second round of voting.

17. *A second vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Members entitled to vote:	137
Members absent:	46
Invalid ballots:	0
Abstentions:	1
Members voting:	90
Required majority:	46
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Engels	62
Mr. Maguta	28

18. *Mr. Engels, having obtained the required majority, was appointed External Auditor of UNIDO for a term beginning on 1 July 2014.*

19. **Mr. Scharinger** (Germany) thanked the Member States for their support and thanked the other five candidates for the fair election campaign. He was confident that the work of the newly appointed External Auditor would meet expectations.

20. **Mr. Khosraviani** (Islamic Republic of Iran), speaking on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Group, congratulated Mr. Engels on his appointment as External Auditor. His broad experience would undoubtedly benefit both the Organization and its Member States, which had a fundamental interest in the accountability and transparency of UNIDO. His work would add value to the management of UNIDO, contributing to increased efficiency and effectiveness. The Group complimented the outgoing External Auditor on his work, which should be built on by his successor.

21. **Mr. Melan** (Austria), speaking on behalf of the European Union (EU), thanked the outgoing External Auditor, whose reports had provided a sound basis for negotiation on various matters, including the budget. The EU congratulated the newly elected External Auditor and was confident that his work would be of the same outstanding quality as that of his predecessor.

The meeting rose at 13.32 p.m.